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Re: Application of Akihisa TAKAICHI, Toshihiko OKAMOTO, Yoshinari  
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GEL BEVERAGE COMPOSITION  
**Assignee: OTSUKA PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q85324

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ a verified English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement, an International Search Report, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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